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From: S22  
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 6:41 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: New Message from Christy Clark Premier website

Someone has filled out the form on the Christy Clark Premier website. Below are the details.

Message for: premier@gov.bc.ca

Senders Name: S22

Email Address: S22

Message: I was wondering if you have given anymore thought about family day in Febuary as a holiday day off.  
Thanks

Thank you for your email. Yes, we are dealing with many issues at the moment but want to assure you that the issue of Family Day is still on the Agenda. We appreciate your interest and plan to say more about this soon.  
It was good to hear from you.

From: S22  
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 6:53 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Herbert.MLA, Spencer P LASS:EX  
Subject: Family day

Christy,

Whatever happened to family day? This was one of your most important campaign promises, and you dropped it like a hot potato right after you won.

I am pleased by your raising the minimum wage, and agreeing with the mayors about the evergreen line funding, but I mostly voted for you to get a new holiday.

I hope you follow through with that promise, or I'll be voting for my buddies in the NDP next election.

All the best,

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From: S22  
Sent: Monday, August 1, 2011 9:41 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: a mystery

Family Day is celebrated on the 3rd Monday of February.

Family Day is observed in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario (in PEI Islander Day on the 2nd Monday in February).

Family Day was originally created to give people time to spend with their families but it also provides a day off between New Years Day and Good Friday as they are three months apart.

Unfortunately, not everyone gets Family Day off.

Common Family Day activities include skating, playing hockey, snowboarding/skiing and going to winter festivals.

But the best thing about of Family Day must be beaver tails and stuffing ourselves silly with pancakes with maple syrup!

Why the whole country cant simply agree remains a mystery

Thank you very much for your overview of the significance of having a Family Day in February.  
You have made some good points and we want to assure you that your comments will be  
included in related discussions.  
We do appreciate hearing from you.

From: S22  
Sent: Monday, September 5, 2011 2:02 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Feb stat?

This email is to inquire about the timing for the stat holiday in February you promised?  
Wondering if it will happen for this year (2012)? Thanks!

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From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Sent: Friday, September 9, 2011 3:02 PM  
To: S22  
Subject: RE: Feb stat?

Thank you for your email. The Family Day suggestion is still on the agenda and we will be saying more about it at our earliest opportunity.

It was good of you to write.



-----Original Message-----

From: S22  
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2011 7:02 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: New Message from Christy Clark Premier website

Someone has filled out the form on the Christy Clark Premier website. Below are the details.

Message for: premier@gov.bc.ca

Senders Name: S22

Email Address: S22

Message: Hi there,  
I am the single-father of a 5 five year old boy named S22 I barely have time to spend with him as I work full time and one weekend a month for an IT company. I was pleased to hear you standing up for families during your campaign. I was even more pleased to hear your promises about bringing Family Day to BC. It would appear that this promise will be broken and I am surprised as I am usually quite synical when it comes to politics and politicians but I believed you. If it's like Obama and Guantanamo Bay - just pull the trigger! Do it and we will remember you for it.

Thank you,

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User IP Address: S22

Date Submitted: Sep-06-2011 7:01 pm

Thank you for your email. Your support of Family Day is noted and will be included in our related discussions. We do appreciate hearing from you.



## **Cabinet Submission – Request for Decision**

**Minister:** Honourable Stephanie Cadieux

**Ministry:** Minister of Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government

**Date:** 06/09/11

Ministry Document #: FINAL

**Title:** Statutory Holiday Support for Families

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### **Background / Context:**

#### **The Proposal for a New Family Day:**

In British Columbia, families have a long stretch between New Year's Day and the Easter break without a long weekend – 111 days this year. The Family First agenda



recognizes that two of the keys to strong families are a thriving economy that supports good jobs and families having quality time together. Celebrating Family Day on the third Monday in February would provide an opportunity for families to spend some quality time together during this long stretch.

Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario celebrate Family Day on the third Monday in February as a statutory holiday. Manitoba and Prince Edward Island also provide a statutory holiday on this day, although it is not called Family Day in these provinces. In the United States, the Presidents' Day holiday is on the third Monday in February.

**Statutory Holidays:**

British Columbia has nine existing statutory holidays: New Year's Day; Good Friday; Victoria Day; Canada Day; B.C. Day; Labour Day; Thanksgiving Day; Remembrance Day; and Christmas Day. The number of statutory holidays varies across the country. Six other jurisdictions have nine, the most common number. Nova Scotia has the lowest at five. Saskatchewan has the highest at ten.

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## Cabinet Decision Summary Sheet

**Ministry:** Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government

**Date:** 06/09/2011

**Title:** Statutory Holiday Support for Families

**Issue:**

In July 2011, Cabinet asked the Minister of Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government to prepare recommendations for its consideration on how employees and employers might substitute another day for an existing statutory holiday, under current legislation, until such time as the economy improves to allow the establishment of Family Day as a new paid statutory holiday in February.

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